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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 -12<sup>th</sup> Street, Southwest  
Washington, D.C. 20554

***Re: CC Docket No. 96-45, In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board  
Universal Service***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached please find the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia's ("DC PSC") comments pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54-316's requirement that the DC PSC compare the residential, rural rates in the District of Columbia served by non-rural, incumbent local exchange carriers with urban rates nationwide to confirm that these rates are reasonably comparable, for purposes of section 254(b)(c) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 by October 1 of every year.

Please feel free to contact me at the DC PSC with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Beverly  
General Counsel

Attachment (1)

cc: Agnes A. Yates, Chairperson, DC PSC  
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